

Michigan Teen Parent Services Coalition

Teen Parent Counseling line item – Department of Human Services under Child & Family Services

23 programs across 20 counties are providing home-based services for approximately 2,500 high risk pregnant and parenting teen families each year since 1993. Counties were chosen based on high rates of teen pregnancy, infant mortality and high poverty rates of children aged 0-5:

♦Berrien	♦Calhoun	♦Chippewa	♦Clare	♦Genesee	♦Ingham	♦Jackson
♦Kalamazoo	♦Kent	♦Lake	♦Macomb	♦Montcalm	♦Muskegon	♦Newaygo
♦Oakland	♦Ogemaw	♦Ottawa	♦VanBuren	♦Saginaw	♦Wayne (4 Programs)	

- Counties with contracts capture 74% of Michigan's teenage parent population.
- Programs serve HIGH RISK ADOLESCENTS not served through other programs/funding sources.

HOW TEEN PARENT OUTCOMES FIT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S GOALS

Michigan DHS Performance Excellence Administration October 2005 – April 2006 Evaluation Report:

- **Decrease Child Abuse and Neglect. 97.3% of teen parents did not have a preponderance of evidence finding of child abuse or neglect for one year from date of program entry**
 - *Each child in foster care costs the state an average of \$18,500 per year. Children of teen parents are well documented to be at very high risk of abuse and neglect.*
- **Increase the number of mothers who participate in prenatal care. 99.2% of teen mothers who were pregnant at time of program entry participated in prenatal care.**
- **Decrease the number of premature births. 89.6% of the teen parents who were pregnant at the time of program entry delivered full-term infants.**
- **Reduce subsequent pregnancies to teen parents. 86.9% of teen parents who were not pregnant at the time of program entry did not become pregnant within 12 months.**
 - *Subsequent pregnancy rates of teens involved in programming are significantly lower than teen parents ages 15 – 20 statewide: 13.8% for those involved in programming, versus 25.1% statewide.*
 - *Average annual cost associated with a child born to a mother 17 and young is \$4,951.*
- **Increase immunization rate for children. 91.9 % of teens' infants received immunizations after entry into the Teen Parent Program.**
- **Increase the retention rate for high school completion. 71.8% of teen parents were enrolled in education activities within 4 months of program entry.** An additional 3.0% became involved beyond the fourth month.
- **Increase employment. 74.3% of teen parents were involved in education, training or employment activities within 4 months of program entry.** An additional 5.6% became involved beyond the fourth month.
 - *Services align with the welfare reform Public Act 468.*
- **Increase parenting skills of high risk families. 95.3% of teen parents received research based child development, prenatal, and parenting curriculum through home visits and support groups.**
 - *Programs provide high quality early intervention services that help children succeed.*
- **Indicate program satisfaction. 99.6% of teen parents who participate in teen parent programs are satisfied with program services.**

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